

Hartshorn House  
Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Hartshorn House  
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Owner: Lydie Ann Creeley Estate

Date of Erection: Early eighteenth century

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick  
on the west and part  
of the south and north  
elevations; frame con-  
struction on the east  
and rest of the south  
and north elevations

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers

Historical Data:

The land upon which the Cooper-Lawrence House stands was part of the tract granted by John Pennford to Thomas Olive and David Mills for the use of Mary Perkins and her heirs. Part of this land was deeded to Henry Grubb and Thomas Raper.

The record of ownership of the property upon which this house stands is the same as that of the Cooper-Lawrence (NJ-73) until 1742. In 1704 Henry Grubb and Thomas Raper transferred the property to Nathaniel Westland. It appears that the land was to be sold to Joseph Adams. A map made by Daniel Leeds of Burlington in 1796 marks the property as belonging to Joseph Adams. It seems that Adams had made a down payment on the land shown by Leeds, but that he had never received a deed. His will directed that his estate be sold, debts be paid, and the balance to be given to St. Annes Church (St. Marys). One of his executors was Nathaniel Westland and it appears that Westland paid the balance to Grubb and Raper and that the land was conveyed to him. We suppose that Westland completed the payment as an executor to obtain clear title to the parcel.

Westland sold to Hugh Huddy in the same year. From Huddy the property passed to Joseph Myers in 1710. Four years later Jasper Moon became the owner. Moon bought a piece of the Bassnett tract two years later, 1716. In 1720 William Patterson obtained possession. Patterson died intestate and the two lots descended to his two daughters, Sarah Bard and Hannah Hartshorn. Benet Bard and his wife and Hugh Hartshorn and his wife transferred the property to Isaac De Cou in 1720. Isaac De Cou sold a part back to Hugh Hartshorn in 1742 (see NJ-251).

There is a break in the records from 1742 to 1796. It can be assumed, however, that the property of Samuel Howe, Sr., which passed to his son, Samuel, Jr., in his will in 1782, contained in part, at least, if not all of the property under discussion. The next record of certainty is a

transfer from Samuel Howe, Jr., to his brother John Howe in 1796.

In 1839 the property passed to Horace Grant by indenture from Charles Ellis surviving trustee of John Howe. From Grant the property passed to David Abel and from the heirs of David Abel to Lydia Ann Creeley in 1889.

The house has been called the Hartshorn House, but it is arbitrarily named. There is a close tie-up between the Hartshorn and the Lawrence House (NJ-73). The oldest section of the Lawrence House is supposed to have been built about 1696 by Henry Grubb. This house we have assumed is of approximately the same date. It is fairly safe to assume that it was built somewhere around the turn of the century. The date early eighteenth century will have to suffice since no clearer picture can be obtained of the property.

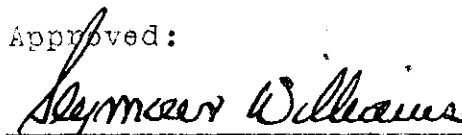
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